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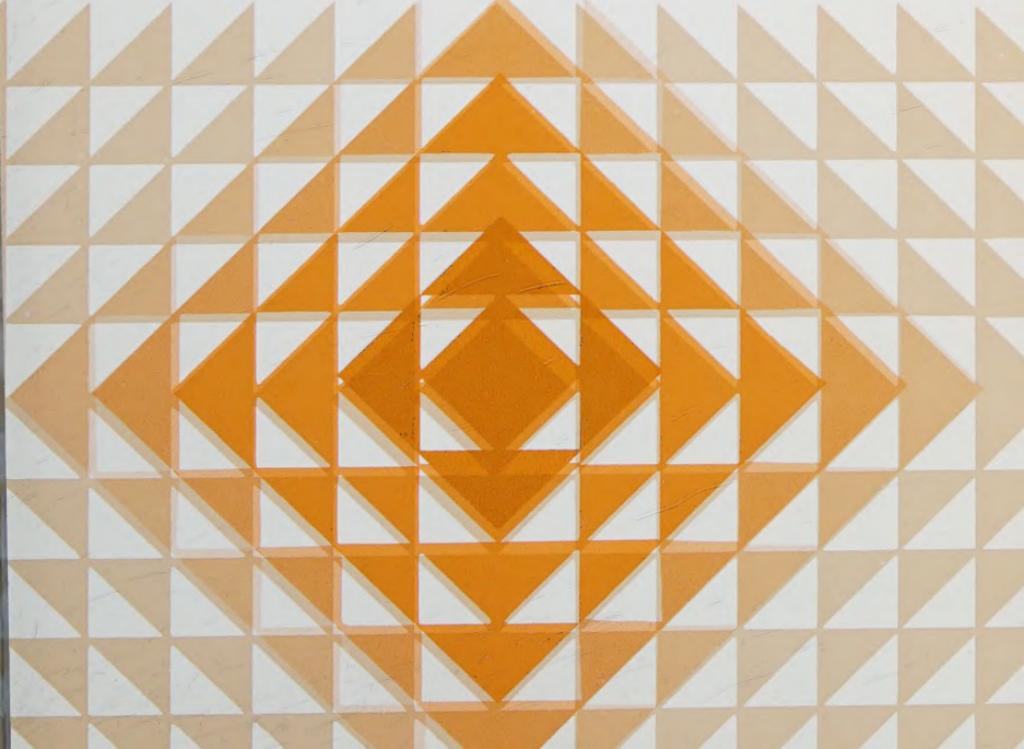
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"What I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH." Jesus

Using our talent: spiritual sense

JUDITH ANN HARDY

No one actually lacks spiritual sense. Each one of us possesses the natural, innate, God-given ability—even more, the power—to know Love's nature, Love's allness, and Love's will for man. "Spiritual sense is a conscious, constant capacity to understand God,"¹ writes Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

In Jesus' parable of three servants, each of whom was given talents—five, two, and one respectively—those who were given two and five talents used theirs and increased them twofold. But he who was given one talent buried his to keep it, and it was taken from him. Are we nurturing and using our talent of spiritual sense? We do so as we daily strive to love, live, and prove all that we now understand of God's nature, no matter how slight that understanding may seem.

Divine Love, the source of our talent, is infinite; therefore

spiritual sense can no more shrivel or dry up through use than can love or intelligence through expression; it must continue to increase. But by burying or ignoring it we cannot expect to benefit ourselves or others. As we do exercise our "conscious, constant capacity to understand God," we verify Jesus' promise, "Unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance."²

The Bible is full of accounts of healing, of blessings received through individuals' clear glimpses of God's nature. And today through Christian Science people throughout the world are rejoicing in unmistakable proofs of God's love for man. Diseased bodies are being restored to soundness, empty lives given meaning, false appetites overcome, people protected from danger—all through inspired views of God's allness.

How do we go about cultivating and exercising spiritual sense? "Be still, and know that I am God,"³ the Bible instructs us. Are we silencing the arguments of material sense in order that we may hear the still, small voice? Are we listening to each comforting, strengthening assurance of His ever-presence and all-power? Are we dedicated to increasing our understanding and demonstration of the entireness of good, God, and the powerlessness of evil? We need to listen and respond to the Christ, His spiritual idea voicing His goodness. Receptivity to the Christ lifts us higher and higher in our understanding of Love's allness and of our unity with Love. The Christ destroys doubt, fear, resistance to good—whatever would lodge in our thought and oppose spirituality.

Christ Jesus continually exercised his "conscious, constant capacity to understand God" and demonstrated his understanding. He promised his disciples that God would send another Comforter that would lead them into all truth. This Comforter, divine Science, is revealing to our spiritual sense a demonstrable understanding of God's nature as infinite Mind, Soul, Spirit, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.

How conscious Jesus was of the divine nature! He understood and proved divine Principle to be the one and only lawgiver. He acted in defiance of every material, limiting law, obeying only Principle's ever-present law of universal harmony and con-

tinuous perfection. He proved by his healing works the supremacy of this law in the human realm.

Jesus must have known God, good, as Truth, for he refused to accept deformity and debility as conditions of man. He perceived the truth of man's being as entirely spiritual and intact and thereby restored sufferers to wholeness. Jesus accepted no mind but divine Mind. He understood Spirit, not matter, to be substance, and he proved it to be so. He was perpetually conscious of eternal Life, and this enabled him to prove the indestructibility of man by raising the dead to life. At every point, he overcame the world's hatred of truth with the might of Love. Understanding God as the Soul of man, he cherished the identity of each one, assuring the multitude of the value of each of them to the Father.

We, too, need to claim our talent of spiritual sense and cultivate it by coming to understand the various aspects of God's perfect nature. This will enable us to see beyond the mirage of materiality with its self-imposed limitations and to behold Mind's complete control, Principle's harmonious kingdom, the atmosphere and reign of Soul.

Some time ago I learned the importance of knowing that spiritual sense is truly mine—that it cannot be hidden from me, nor I separated from it, and that I need only claim and demonstrate it daily. I had a physical difficulty. Knowing that what I needed for healing was an inspired and correct view of God's allness and of myself as His image, I diligently pondered the synonyms for God, trying to gain such a view, but to no avail. Then I learned a lesson from a plant. Resurrection plant, it is called. It looked like just a dried-up, brown, lifeless wad. But instructions with it read: "This plant appears dead and lifeless. Put it in water and tomorrow you will have a lovely green fern."

Impossible, I thought. But I put it in water, and the next day it was no more a withered brown clump but a bright green fern, opened out and lovely. That plant's life and beauty were not missing; they were only dormant. Resurrection was my need, too—"resurrection" as defined by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health*: "Spiritualization of thought; a new and higher idea of

immortality, or spiritual existence; material belief yielding to spiritual understanding.”⁴

I needed to see that I was not lacking spiritual sense, that I only needed to claim it vigorously and let the living waters of divine Science resurrect it and cause it to bear fruit. So I claimed spiritual sense as incontrovertibly mine and then continued to nurture it with absolute truths of the nature of God, whose lovingkindness, might, wisdom, and government are supreme, unopposed in the infinitude of Love. I clung to Principle as All and to the reality of my being and the being of everyone as His flawless expression, each entirely spiritual and complete. I confidently trusted the power of these truths to spiritualize my thought and restore harmony. Like Jacob, clinging to his freeing divine message, I did not let go of this truth until it blessed me. Very shortly I was healed.

Even though we treasure our glimpses of God’s nature and entirety and intend to continue in that light, sometimes the light seems to fade or we get sidetracked. But that confident understanding of God, Love, as the only power is never far away, nor is what we saw in that first faint glimpse of His nature ever out of reach.

Are we fearful that because of some past wrongdoing we don’t deserve His help or we’re being punished? The design of Love cannot be unlike Love! Whatever our situation—no matter how infrequent our pure glimpses of Him—we can turn to God. We can pray to see Him, love Him, and follow Him, and we can confidently expect Him to feed us with an understanding of His tender care for us. Christ Jesus assured us, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”⁵

Daily we can enjoy our communion with our Father-Mother God and keep our thought resurrected—spiritualized, close to Him. But if we should seem to lose, even for a moment, our spiritual sense, we can, as did the Psalmist, trust God to restore it. Interpreting the twenty-third Psalm, Mrs. Eddy writes, “[LOVE] restorest my soul [spiritual sense].”⁶

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 209; ² Matt. 25:29; ³ Ps. 46:10; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 593; ⁵ Matt. 5:6; ⁶ *Science and Health*, p. 578.

Divine Love's message to humanity

WILLIAM E. MOODY

In response to the question "Have Christian Scientists any religious creed?" Mary Baker Eddy sets forth a thought-provoking reply: "They have not, if by that term is meant doctrinal beliefs."¹

Mrs. Eddy goes on to expand and clarify her remarks by stating the Tenets of Christian Science. The entire discussion can be found in the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*. A careful study of these Tenets reveals the spirituality of their content and their detachment from all forms of ritualism. Throughout, divine Love permeates the message. And indeed, this Love is the very source and substance of Christian Science.

It is God, Love, that gives impulse to every good and right activity. It is Love that is at the core of all true religious worship and devotion. If our practice of religion does not express in sufficient measure the buoyancy and vitality of unselfed love, the real purpose and meaning of the worship is obscured.

Learning Love's full significance is not an intellectual exercise. Rather, this understanding develops through an ongoing realization that the love of Love is to characterize all that we think, say, or do—and then living this love. We need to acknowledge God as the source of all being and relinquish human will. God is divine Love, expressed throughout His spiritual creation. Divine Love is infinite and eternal. It cannot fade, lose strength, or change its nature. So permanence and constancy are among the more readily identifiable qualities of Love and its expression. And it is in this expression of the Divine that each of us establishes a sure basis for loving mankind and makes love practical to the point of meeting our brothers' needs. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science."²

Divine Love is the source of our harmony and joy. Joy is, like love, permanent, constant. Spiritual joy is never subject to the whims of circumstance or happenchance. The Bible confirms this: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."³ The joy of expressing love bears its own reward, complete in and of itself. Divine Love lacks nothing and includes no element of evil.

Every representation of perfect Love exemplifies the continuity and activity of the Christ in human experience. We can each express the Christianity so inseparable from Christian Science. The understanding of man's goodness and worth was the foundation of Jesus' rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."⁴

Looking at the shortcomings and frailties of material existence, we discover it to be the exact opposite of the permanence and constancy, joy and goodness, of God's true, spiritual creation.

The reality of spiritual existence and the intelligent and loving relationship of God to man must be spiritually discerned through the grace of God. God, divine Spirit, Mind, provides the structure, substance, and meaning to all being. He is omniscient, omnipotent, and can never be confined to material forms. As the creator is eternal Life itself, the life that expresses Him must also be everlasting—manifesting Love's qualities of permanence and constancy.

Each of these spiritual qualities and characteristics of being—love, joy, peace, goodness, intelligence, life, and so on—is the fruit of the Spirit. When consistently realized and practiced, these qualities establish a living doctrine that is both noble in concept and practical in purpose. There is an essential vitality and selflessness in each outward expression of divine Love that not only enriches and spiritualizes our own lives but promotes the spiritual progress and well-being of all mankind.

It was the message of divine Love that Christ Jesus taught and lived. He made it clear that the first great commandment is to love God and the second to love our fellowman. Our Master's words continue to give direction and strength to all who ear-

nestly desire to follow Love's leadings: "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."⁵

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 496; ² *ibid.*, p. 266; ³ Gal. 5:22, 23; ⁴ Matt. 7:12; ⁵ 10:7, 8.

"... spiritual truths are facts, not fiction"

Spiritualization of thought heals

JOHN M. TATUM

To spiritualize thought and to heal discords are not two activities but one, for the physical manifestation that we call healing is really only the outward evidence of a change in human thought.

Spiritualization purifies human consciousness. It results from prayer that acknowledges both God's allness and man's inseparable unity with Him. Through prayer we gain a clear understanding of what and where God is. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy defines God this way: "The great I AM; the all-knowing, all-seeing, all-acting, all-wise, all-loving, and eternal; Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance; intelligence."¹

Since God is All, He is everywhere. His creation, including spiritual man, is His universe of inseparable spiritual ideas. To fathom the significance of this truth, we also need to know exactly how man relates to God. There can be no doubt, no "maybe," about it; we need to know.

In the first chapter of Genesis we find these words: "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every

creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”² Man has his identity within the one infinite consciousness, divine Spirit—that is, man exists in God as His individual, spiritual idea and understands all ideas. Man, therefore, has never had a material body. He is, always has been, and always will be spiritual and perfect—a harmonious, complete idea in divine Mind. He reflects all God’s qualities.

When we begin to understand this, we realize that infinite Mind is really the only Mind we have. We see that there is no other mind. We also perceive that Mind and its idea, man, must of necessity be inseparably one. Since Mind is perfect, Mind’s idea never needs healing. The perfection of both God and His manifestation remains unchanged throughout eternity.

But how do we account for human consciousness and all its apparent ills? Well, what seems to be material consciousness is a counterfeit of divine Mind, a misconception of existence. The delusion that there is a mind other than divine Mind is the basic misconception and the source of all other misconceptions, such as belief in the reality and presence of fear, sickness, pain, resentment, self-will. We need to eliminate these illusions from thought. We need to deny that there are two states of consciousness—one good and spiritual and the other bad and material—and accept only the infinite, divine consciousness.

We should analyze the thoughts that come to us to see if they are from God and cast out those that are not by denying their reality. How do we know which ones to deny? Suppose we have a dollar bill that we suspect of being a counterfeit. Don’t we simply compare it with one we know to be authentic? Just so, we can compare our thoughts with those that evidence God-derived qualities, such as love, dominion, confidence, gratitude, humility, patience, justice.

To heal, we need to deny reality to both general and specific beliefs of sin, sickness, or other discords that counter our true, spiritual nature. We may need to deal with the world’s belief in age, heredity, physiology, or a material past, as well as with specific beliefs that we have accepted.

Denying reality and power to these beliefs, we use counter facts of truth, claiming our perfection as God’s individual ideas

and affirming our God-given dominion. We can acknowledge, for example, that as God's perfect ideas we neither lack any good nor is there any evil that can be added to us. We can affirm that only divine Mind governs us. We can deny that there is power or reality in the tempting beliefs that we are sick, bad, or discordant and that anything can mar our true, spiritual identity.

While praying to heal a physical ailment, I came across the following statements in *Science and Health*: "You embrace your body in your thought, and you should delineate upon it thoughts of health, not of sickness. You should banish all thoughts of disease and sin and of other beliefs included in matter. Man, being immortal, has a perfect indestructible life. It is the mortal belief which makes the body discordant and diseased in proportion as ignorance, *fear*, or human will governs mortals."³

As I went over this passage, I was so impressed with its truth that the pain which had been troubling me vanished. I then realized how important it is to immediately counter any illusion of sickness or discord as a lie and refuse to give it a place in thought.

The healing activity of divine Truth in human consciousness is never static or mechanical. It is Mind's natural unfoldment of spiritual understanding in our thought.

We may rejoice that spiritual truths are facts, not fiction. Too, we may recognize that love and gratitude are powerful factors in destroying false, material beliefs and in spiritualizing consciousness, opening it to the heaven-bestowed thoughts that heal.

Christ Jesus practiced this spiritualizing of human consciousness, with outstanding healing results, on the hills and in the valleys of Judea and Galilee. Mrs. Eddy's great love for mankind impelled her to share her discovery of Jesus' healing method with the world. This she has done through her writings, including the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*, and through the establishment of the worldwide Church of Christ, Scientist, and the Christian Science movement. In her writings she shows how everyone can spiritualize consciousness and heal.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 587; ² Gen. 1:26; ³ *Science and Health*, pp. 208-209.

Claim your retirement benefits now

BARBARA-JEAN STINSON

Does the thought of retirement in a beautiful, sunny community appeal to you?

Many individuals look ahead and wisely plan for those years when they will be free of family and business responsibilities. They may consider a move to an area where they can relax, enjoy the sunshine, swim, golf, and make new friends. If prompted by God's leading rather than by a desire for ease and comfort, this move to a city of sunshine can open up a variety of new activities that are both stimulating and spiritually rewarding.

And yet, if we will make the effort to find it, we all already dwell in a beautiful city of warmth, love, and progressive activity. But it is a city of consciousness, rather than a spot on earth. We don't have to go to it. We have to discover it just where we are.

In *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy there are several pages describing the holy city of divine consciousness in detail (see page 572:19 through page 577). Mrs. Eddy writes of it: "This sacred city, described in the Apocalypse (xxi. 16) as one that 'lieth foursquare' and cometh 'down from God, out of heaven,' represents the light and glory of divine Science. The builder and maker of this New Jerusalem is God, as we read in the book of Hebrews; and it is 'a city which hath foundations.' " 1

The spiritual sense of God's allness is not a mystical paradise we will someday obtain when we are good enough. We can look up right now and discover that city—or consciousness of divine reality—where we forever dwell as God's perfect reflection.

A devoted follower of Christ Jesus glimpsed this truth of his unity with God when he was far from ease and comfort. On the barren island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, the Revelator

learned to look beyond the evidence of the physical senses and perceive where he really was in truth. He writes: "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."²

How do we find our oneness, or unity, with God, which Christ Jesus demonstrated and John perceived? John himself can give us the answer. He writes, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last."³

God was *All* to John. "The first and the last." John was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Perhaps that means he was spiritually listening to hear God's voice. His thoughts were lighted by the Christ as he pondered the deep meaning of Jesus' life and works. He was not caught up in the counterfeit sparkle of material activities. Nor is there any evidence that he was deeply disturbed by his exile on a rocky, barren island. The desire to understand God undoubtedly occupied his thoughts.

What a magnificent work for us to accept as our primary occupation now and as the years go by! Mrs. Eddy prayed and pondered through years of hardship and disappointment before her mental vision was opened for the discovering of Christian Science. She has shown us with scientific clarity what God is—perfect Life, Truth, Love. Our work is to understand more clearly what that means and apply our spiritual intuitions and ideas both to our personal problems and to the world's deep needs.

We need not wait to retire from the busyness of human occupations to gain a clear glimpse of the beauty of real being, but retirement can provide even more opportunity, if we use our time to spiritual advantage. Perhaps we could set aside some specific hours each week just to ponder the presence of God—and refuse to get discouraged if at first it seems difficult to think along spiritual lines.

Mrs. Eddy recognized the challenge one faces in disciplining

the human mind, which seems to express either inertia and apathy or excessive material activity. Yet she wrote: "To mortal sense Science seems at first obscure, abstract, and dark; but a bright promise crowns its brow. When understood, it is Truth's prism and praise. When you look it fairly in the face, you can heal by its means, and it has for you a light above the sun, for God 'is the light thereof.'"⁴

As we study and ponder the ideas of God and His Christ, divine Science will come to have for us "a light above the sun." If we live in a beautiful community of sunshine and comfort, we will appreciate this as an evidence of God's ever-present goodness. But the often fruitless round of merely material activities will not dominate us and keep us from proofs of healing. And if we do not live in a place of great warmth and beauty, we will find we can be happy where we are because we are discovering the sunshine of God's love as ever present.

Over the years, as we persist in praying and studying to understand our heavenly Father better, we will discover that prayer and study are not just activities to keep our thoughts and time occupied. Discovering our immortality as God's spiritual ideas, we'll be recognizing the unreality of the belief in intelligent matter. Instead of coming down under beliefs of time and age, we will be experiencing vitality, vigor, and usefulness, which will continue with us eternally as we venture into new worlds of dominion and expanding activity. Mrs. Eddy writes: "Matter is not Mind, to claim aught; but Mind is God, and evil finds no place in good. When we get near enough to God to see this, the springtide of Truth in Christian Science will burst upon us in the similitude of the Apocalyptic pictures. No night will be there, and there will be no more sea. There will be no need of the sun, for Spirit will be the light of the city, and matter will be proved a myth."⁵

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 575; ² Rev. 21:2, 3; ³ 1:10, 11; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 558; ⁵ *No and Yes*, p. 27.

Signs of the times

Kenneth A. Briggs
in *The New York Times*

A review of the book
Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Authority
by Robert Peel
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, New York

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“... the general direction of her [Mrs. Eddy’s] teaching as expounded in her basic text, ‘Science and Health,’ was not so far out of line with common assumptions. She was, above all, not a theologian or philosopher, but a pragmatist who argued that ‘the error of the ages is preaching without practice’ and demanded that faith be demonstrated by healing. Though dominant American Protestantism formally rested on a ‘salvation by faith not works’ cornerstone the opposite standard obtain [sic] in daily life. If faith didn’t somehow make a visible difference, its claimants made a scant impression. . . .

“Among Mrs. Eddy’s largely unacknowledged contributions to social history was her emphasis on the equality of women in Christian Science. Her central belief in the power of spiritual healing must also be counted as an important, likewise unattributed, factor in present attitudes toward health care. As confidence in medical science has declined, there has been rising interest in the causes of disease outside the realms of physiology. If the surveys are accurate, a staggering percentage of reported illness is ascribed to ‘psychosomatic’ causes. The trend is toward preventive medicine, toward the conviction that doctors aid but do not cure, toward the belief that affairs of the mind psychic or spiritual, determine the affairs of the body.”

We are not “only human”

ARTHUR DELAU

“I’m only human!”

Sometimes this exclamation would seem to justify undesirable traits and imply that we are naturally vulnerable to sickness and injury.

Are we only human? This evaluation does not square with Paul’s reference to “the glorious liberty of the children of God.”¹ Nor with Christ Jesus’ call, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”²

It is important to be consistent and not think of ourselves or anyone else as just a limited human. This action may require some sacrifices of self-justification. But it is only by completely rejecting the limited human concept and accepting the real classification of man as God’s spiritual reflection that we can be progressively freed from evil, from sickness, sin, accidents. Mrs. Eddy says, “Even though you aver that the material senses are indispensable to man’s existence or entity, you must change the human concept of life, and must at length know yourself spiritually and scientifically.”³

Is this goal too futuristic for us even to make a start toward reaching it? No, it is based in the present, according to Scripture. Christian Science church services each Sunday include the heartening statement from I John, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God.”⁴

The start we can make now toward demonstrating our higher being is to acknowledge God, to defer to Him as the source and producer of all, and to accept the spiritual fact that man is the proof of God’s perfect nature. The spiritual reality of man exists now, though it seems to be cloaked by material thinking, by tradition and education, by an unwillingness to turn away from a

material sense of existence that promises what it really cannot give us.

How practical is this emergence from the conviction that we are merely human beings?

To the athlete waiting for the start of a race, to the businessman looking around the conference table during negotiations, to the parent dealing with a rebellious child, to the workman trying to improve a project, to the one who is ill—to these, and indeed to all of us, the declaration that man is really now the expression of God, accompanied by a willingness and an endeavor to prove it, is a step that is immensely practical.

The athlete, looking beyond the human, will find that agility and strength are derived from divine Life, the Life that man perpetually expresses. In his dealing with others the businessman can realize that all have a common creator and that God's children have a divine, loving purpose. The diseased can be healed by knowing the perfection of God, Spirit, and the perfection of His creation, including man.

Christian Science does not promise that the goal of demonstrating spiritual manhood will be realized without striving for it. But the strife is quite different from "pulling oneself up by one's own bootstraps." Christian metaphysics involves departing from a material sense of being to a spiritual sense, with the advance knowledge that the spiritual sense is the real and that our efforts are impelled by God.

One of the great rewards of beginning the demonstration of the truth that man is not mortal is the realization that this truth includes all people. All are children of God. The searcher for Truth finds a compassion for others, a delight in their goodness, and a reverence for their original and only creator, who is unfolding their good, perfect, spiritual being continuously.

If we think of ourselves as "only human," it follows that we think of others in the same way. Then we perceive a world of limited mortals separated from God and often conflicting. This basic misconception of man underlies evils in the community and the world, ranging from selfishness to traffic hazards to crime to war. The truth of man's spiritual sonship, realized, provides a healing unity.

“That’s the way I am—I can’t help it!”

This is another limiting human argument. It would excuse character deficiencies, undeveloped talents, bad temper, coldness to certain people. This sense of being does not easily permit growth into the demonstration of the nobility of man “rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.” The complete statement by Mrs. Eddy is, “God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis.”⁵

Are we really of a mortal mold, limited in every way? This is a startling contrast to what our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, gives as our reason for existing: “Thus may each member of this church rise above the oft-repeated inquiry, What am I? to the scientific response: I am able to impart truth, health, and happiness, and this is my rock of salvation and my reason for existing.”⁶

“Today is not my day!”

The implication here is that one has good fortune only on some days—or even on most days—but that there can be days when almost everything goes wrong. As if God has deserted us! What a way of excluding God from His government of the world and our affairs—by claiming that we have days, and lives, apart from Him!

God will not, cannot, desert us on any day. To do so is not the nature of divine Love, which holds man inseparable from itself. It is impossible for divine Principle, good, to experience discord. And man, revealed by Science to be the idea, or outcome, of Principle, shares in the nature of Principle. Man cannot have an “off day” because God cannot! And there is only one God, all-pervading Spirit.

The demonstration that man is not human comes with more knowledge of the character of God, who fills all space and is the only presence; knowledge that man is nothing less than the likeness of God, that he reflects true intelligence and the only real power in the universe.

To discard a description of ourselves as being human is not in any way to lose our identity. It is, however, the entryway into the path that leads progressively to a full demonstration of

man's spiritual being as the ideal of God. We don't have to wait for another sphere to make this start. We can consider human experience as transitional, as a school for spiritual growth. Predominant in our thought, however, should be the superseding truth of man's perfection now as the child of God. God sees man as no less than His perfect child—always.

¹ Rom. 8:21; ² Matt. 5:48; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 359; ⁴ I John 3:2; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 258; ⁶ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 165.

Extinguish the counterfeit!

The body (flesh and bones)
dances in the limelight
entertaining
uninspired mortal eyes,
endlessly begging for immediate
acceptance, unquestioned identity.
But the physique-counterfeit—
What a fake!

When fleshly concepts
call vulnerable, bleak forms
man,
shut out the lie
instantly!

then you will break through to
a radiant glimpse
of the true you (invisible to mortal sight)
the spiritual you—untied
to fragile matter forms—
man reflecting
only Spirit's infinity!

BRETT L. STAFFORD



What's *really* happening?

Kevin G. Graunke

It was the first day of summer vacation. School was out, and Karl and Dennis planned to spend the morning playing their favorite game—explorer. It was a game they played often, and this day the two sixth-grade classmates headed for the creek that ran near Karl's house.

Many times before, they had seen the old tree house in the giant willow tree that stood near the water's edge, but neither of them had ever explored it. So they decided the perfect way to begin their game was to climb up, and Dennis was soon scrambling into the leafy branches with Karl close behind.

When they reached the wooden platform, Karl suddenly wished he had stayed on the ground. The tree house was much higher than he thought! Soon Dennis decided it was time to explore someplace else, and he swung back down to earth as easily as he had gone up.

But Karl couldn't follow him. When he tried to get down, it seemed he couldn't find the right branch to put his foot on. "Come on!" Dennis shouted from below. "Let's get going!" Karl stood looking helplessly down at him. Then he figured, instead of climbing down, maybe he could jump. After all, he had seen those guys on television leap from high places dozens of times. He would cushion his fall by rolling just the way they did.

So he jumped, and as he landed he realized he'd done a foolish thing. His right ankle twisted painfully under him, and when he tried to walk on it, he couldn't. Only by putting his arm around Dennis's shoulders could he limp home. There his mom helped him to lie down and then telephoned a Christian Science practitioner for help through prayer.

Karl had been attending the Christian Science Sunday School for several years and had been learning the difference between the real, spiritual world where God loves and cares for all His children, and the unreal world of pain and trouble. As Karl began telling his mom what had happened that morning she

stopped him and asked, "But what *really* happened? What's *really* happening now?"

She then opened *Science and Health* to a page where Mrs. Eddy says, "In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious in every action."¹

"So isn't it true," his mom asked, "that your being is perfect? All your actions are harmonious because they're governed by God. You couldn't possibly suffer from an accident, because God directs you—and everyone—in everything that happens."

As his mom explained these truths, Karl felt the pain in his ankle lessen a little. Then he recalled a statement from the Bible that his Sunday School class had been studying. It was the one that said, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."²

Karl realized that God's angels, His spiritual ideas, had charge over him now, always had before, and always would. That was what was really happening! Later that day, the practitioner came to see Karl, and he told her how he had remembered the Bible verse.

"That's excellent," the practitioner agreed. Then she asked him a question: "Which do you believe is true—the spiritual idea of yourself as perfect or the suggestion that you're made of matter and it hurts?"

After some thought, Karl replied, "The idea!"

"Right," she said, adding, "so since the idea is true and comes from God, Principle, then you must be perfect."

The rest of the week, Karl and his parents talked and prayed with the practitioner so they would understand clearly that all of God's children are perfect, and that He wouldn't let any of them ever be harmed in any way.

The next Monday, Dennis rang Karl's doorbell early. When Karl came running to the door, ready to play, Dennis asked, "What happened?"

Karl smiled and said, "Well, I know what's *really* happening! Where should we go exploring today?"

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 407; ² Ps. 91:11.



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The role of pausing

In speech, in music, a pause can be significant. It can be a moment to assimilate what's gone on before. Or to prepare for what's coming. The pause can also have its place in resolving something through Christian Science.

On one occasion Mary Baker Eddy paused before entering a room in which was to take place a challenging confrontation. Asked why she hesitated, she replied, "I was waiting for the Christ to go before me."¹

Impatience for a resolution to some irritant problem can sometimes lead us to tangling with the problem rather than to unraveling—discerning—its spiritual answer. We may need to stop anxiously pushing forward for a moment and stay in the same place to survey the scene. In a fast-shifting, competitive world it may seem hard to do this. But fewer mistakes would be made, and better decisions would be taken, if we understood better the role of pausing.

From the Christian Science point of view, pausing for a moment, or a week or month, does not mean being passive for that length of time. It means getting our values more spiritually aligned. Defining our goals less selfishly. It means letting the Christ, the divine unfolding of Truth, work in its own way to bring about whatever is best in any given situation.

When Mrs. Eddy paused at the doorway it was not for a moment of blankness. But it was to *let*—to let the Christ precede her. We need sometimes to halt our operations to refresh ourselves with a more spiritual perspective, a perspective that will subordinate mortal will and its plans and objectives.

Suppose we have to make some vital business decision, and if

it's not made within twenty-four hours we'll risk losing a large order. Should we feel desperately anxious, we are not in the best frame of mind to make a sound judgment. If we are not letting the Christ move ahead of us, then we need to stay still until we are. To feel highly pressured is to feel highly mortal. This doesn't help. We can remind ourselves that divine Love never takes us down the right path pell-mell so we're almost tripping over our own feet. A great rush signifies a great need to realize that man is not a mortal in a competitive and frantic society. Man is the divine idea of Spirit and enjoys the eternal stillness and peace of Spirit. Knowing this, we make better decisions.

Confusion indicates a need for spiritual realization. It's a nudge to stop merely mortal *doing* and to start *being*—to consciously be omniscient Mind's unhurried expression.

A pause can signify that we are willing to let the divine Ego express itself and that we are willing to subordinate to it our personal ego. Consciously putting on the brakes of onrushing mortal thought, we give ourselves the chance to get our bearings. "Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept,"² Mrs. Eddy tells us. Humanly pausing can give us the opportunity to realize that divine Love itself never pauses—never ceases to express itself in perfect man, perfect universe, perfect action, perfect fruition.

Pausing doesn't mean waiting until external conditions are more congenial for knowing the truth of being. The more challenging or disturbed external conditions seem, the more need there is for us to realize what God is doing. According to our consistency in knowing this, circumstances cease inducing panic.

When Christ Jesus was given the news that Lazarus was sick, he didn't believe he had to rush at once to Bethany to heal him. He paused. "He abode two days still in the same place where he was,"³ John relates. Jesus did not think in terms of mortality, time, space, rush, emergency, stress. He knew that man is the everlasting radiancy of eternal Life. He knew that this was the truth of himself and of everyone. Not surprisingly, when he did return to confront the evidence of Lazarus's death, he authoritatively restored his friend to life.

The tougher the assignment the more reason for us, often, to

wait before moving ahead, to remind ourselves of the spiritual facts of being. "Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,—wait on God," says Mrs. Eddy. "Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfin'd is winged to reach the divine glory."⁴

Pausing to actively affirm the truth of being neutralizes impulsiveness, and it de-mists our sense of what needs doing. We're much more likely to take the right action, to have it well timed, and done in the best way. Pausing, then, can play a vital role in our demonstrating the omniscience of divine Mind.

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¹ Julia Michael Johnston, *Mary Baker Eddy: Her Mission and Triumph* (Boston: The Christian Science Publishing Society, 1974), p. 166; ² *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 454; ³ John 11:6; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 323.

Beyond belief into divine law

Most health care systems gain a following because physical health improves, at least to some degree, when people adhere to the procedures. Without that apparent improvement, material medicine, acupuncture, hypnotism, or any other limited system would diminish. People will support what they believe helps them. More accurately stated, what people believe helps them becomes a kind of temporary support to them.

An important question needs to be asked about the long-term effect of systems of health care. When there is improvement, has genuine health replaced illness, or has a body with fewer surface symptoms replaced a body that once had more obvious symptoms? Speaking of hypnotism, for instance, Mrs. Eddy warns: "The hypnotizer employs one error to destroy another. If he heals sickness through a belief, and a belief originally caused the sickness, it is a case of the greater error overcoming the lesser. This greater error thereafter occupies the ground, leaving the case worse than before it was grasped by the stronger error."¹

Christian Science alone places healing on a scientific spiritual basis. It takes healing entirely out of the realm of belief and

plants it firmly within the realm of God's law. Mortal experience is filled with so-called laws—theories based on the observation of recurring behavior. One kind of law, for example, might attribute illness to heredity. Another so-called law would demand that the symptoms disappear or be lessened when certain medical treatment is given. But neither the illness nor materially based treatment has true law underlying it. Human belief underlies both. "There is a law of God applicable to healing, and it is a spiritual law instead of material,"² writes Mrs. Eddy.

Christian Science healing is actually the scientific operation of divine law. It brings to bear on temporary human concepts the spiritual facts of reality. It replaces limited, erring perceptions with divine truths of being. The reason scientific Christian healing has power is that God's law, the law of Truth itself, underlies the healing effect. The reason material methods of healing appear to have power is that the strength of human concepts underlies them. But those strengths are subject to being easily sheared, like Samson's locks of hair, by mutable mortal belief.³

Regardless of the kind of discord one might be facing, there is a specific law of God that will counter and destroy the evil.

Does this mean that God maintains a large volume of laws used to counter various problems? God's one infinite law of perfection is the unchanging reality of all being. Each of us individually needs to gain very specific perspectives of that infinite law. Discord suggests a particular reversal of perfection. Various errors would be specific rejections of the truth of being. They might be sponsored by so-called health laws. We must challenge such false laws with specific truths that are rooted in divine law.

An unyielding chronic difficulty, for instance, may rest upon mortal mind's supposed effort to counterfeit the fact that divine law is irreversible, eternal. The basic discords of mortal existence are very direct misstatements of the divine law of being, which sustains the perfection of reality.

The operation of divine law—the law that brings healing—is not a personal possession. Its effectiveness is not dependent merely upon our own efforts. Divine law is universally operating at all times. We don't cause divine law to be. We respond to law that is. We conform to its continuing activity. Human

health laws are fickle and inexact. The spiritual law that underpins Christian healing is unalterable and enduring.

Christ Jesus drew on divine law to accomplish his healing work. His healings were based upon spiritual truths, which produced an effect far beyond what he could personally have accomplished. The blind and lame were not made whole because Jesus demanded that they be whole. They were healed because Jesus recognized the authority of Christ, Truth, which constitutes the basic law of perfection.

Jesus accepted this law for himself. He applied it to the needs of others. Spiritual law dissolved the discords that were underpinned by human belief. Mrs. Eddy assures us: "Truth casts out all evils and materialistic methods with the actual spiritual law,—the law which gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, voice to the dumb, feet to the lame. If Christian Science dishonors human belief, it honors spiritual understanding; and the one Mind only is entitled to honor."⁴

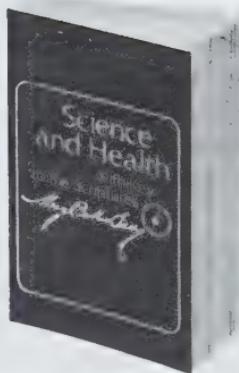
The Christian Scientist honors God's law. He is learning that health and security are not dependent on materiality. Nor can they be violated by unlawful mortal belief. True being is embraced by unfailing divine law. Love never fails to comfort us. Principle never fails to maintain our integrity. Life never fails to preserve us. The ultimate preservation of our wholeness is not dependent upon mortal efforts—our own or another's. It is dependent on the operation of universal divine law—and each of us has the capacity to respond effectively. Divine law is constant. It never fluctuates with the current of human thought.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul,"⁵ the Psalmist tells us. We can be converted. We can be redeemed by God's law. As we understand that He alone provides true law, our healing work will be more consistent because it will rest more firmly on the conviction that His law ensures success.

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¹ *Science and Health*, p. 104; ² *ibid.*, p. 463; ³ See Judg. 16; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 183;

⁵ Ps. 19:7.



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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

One day I was playing with my friend. I stepped in a hole while I was running and sprained my ankle. I couldn't walk on it at all because it hurt, and it became very swollen.

The day before this happened was Christmas Day, and our family had read the Christmas story in the Bible, and some of the things Mary Baker Eddy says about Christmas. One of the things we read was that "the babe we are to cherish" is "Christian healing." Mrs. Eddy says (*Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 370): "In different ages the divine idea assumes different forms, according to humanity's needs. In this age it assumes, more intelligently than ever before, the form of Christian healing. This is the babe we are to cherish." We knew that the best way to celebrate Christmas is to do what Jesus did—to heal.

When I hurt my ankle, I began to pray. I knew that God is perfect, and so I have to be perfect, because I'm the spiritual reflection of God. The next day I still couldn't walk. I wanted to go outside because it was so nice. Mom said, "You can walk, and you can go outside." So I decided to take a walk with her. We took a nice walk, although I was limping. By the end of the next day the swelling was gone, and I could run and play. No more limping.

I am very grateful that I go to a Christian Science Sunday School.

MATTHEW J. WALTERS
St. Louis, Missouri

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

I am Matt's mother. The healing of the sprained ankle took place just as he described it. I was impressed by his childlike willingness to accept what I said to him, "You can walk," in spite of the apparently very real and unhealed condition of the ankle. He began walking, the pain ceased immediately, and all was normal by the end of the second day. I had gained the spiritual conviction behind the statement "You can walk" during several hours of prayer and study. So it was not an impossible human demand but a recognition of spiritual reality.

"A little child shall lead them" (Isa. 11:6). In this case Matt's desire to share his healing is leading me to share some of the good God has given to our family. The study and practical utilization of Christian Science have taught us that God's power and love are available to everyone in every circumstance. Because God is not partial, He sends His delivering angels (healing thoughts) to us as surely as He sent them to Christ Jesus, and to Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Paul, and all the people through all the ages who have acknowledged His power and presence.

An acknowledgment and understanding of God as the only Father and Mother of man are daily helping us in raising three sons. They all enthusiastically attend the Christian Science Sunday School, where good teaching of spiritual values is giving them the ability to discern between what is genuine and good in human experience and what is erroneous and empty of substance.

When our youngest son was eleven months old, he suddenly became very ill with high fever. He had been in the garage with my husband during the afternoon, and the symptoms of the illness indicated a poisonous spider bite, although there was no diagnosis by a physician. We prayed for him during the night and the next day, but seeing no results, we called an experienced Christian Science practitioner for help. During the next four days the physical picture became very frightening. The fear that he might die was great. I knew that prayer, as taught in Christian Science, can bring healing. I had witnessed this before. But I wondered if, in this case, it would not be because of my fear and lack of understanding.

However, this mesmerism was effectively broken by the practitioner, who pointed out to us that in a very real way we had the support and prayers of all the members of The Mother Church from its Board of Directors to its newest member at the farthest corner of the earth. I felt such a tangible sense of support and love and caring from all these people, as well as from all our dear branch church friends who were in so many helpful ways supporting us, that I gained a deep spiritual conviction that our child could not lose his life. As a Mother Church member, I was embraced, supported, and strengthened, along with my loved ones, in my stand for Christian Science healing. That was the end of that fear and the turning point in the healing.

The baby still could not keep down any food or any liquid. I knew that healing would come, but I had fallen into the trap of believing that somewhere in my consciousness I was harboring an erroneous or sinful thought that was causing this terrible experience. Then, while reading of healings that others had had through Christian Science, I realized I was innocent of ever being sinful, because I was in reality the child of God. It had been easy to see that the baby at his age was innocent and pure, but I needed to see this for myself instead of wasting my time on a witch hunt, trying to stir up and extract some unknown error.

By accepting the sunlight of innocence and purity as my very being, I could see that whatever darkness or error might be lurking around would be completely eliminated. I didn't need to eliminate error by pursuing it; truth eliminates error—the truth that I am created pure by God and remain that way. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (p. 201): "The way to extract error from mortal mind is to pour in truth through flood-tides of Love. Christian perfection is won on no other basis."

At this point the baby began to accept liquids, then solid food, and became happy and well. He had lost a great deal of weight, and had to learn all over again to crawl and then to walk, but he rapidly made up for the delay, and even shot ahead in development and coordination.

Membership in The Mother Church had never been so tangibly beneficial to me as it was during this healing, and since then

I have not lost the warm feeling of gratitude I gained. I am more conscientious in my own prayers for others, knowing that they, too, can be benefited as we were. I wouldn't exchange my Mother Church membership for anything the world could offer.

Branch church membership with all its activities has also been a strong anchor for our family. We had the joy of helping to start a branch church at the same time we started our family, and the two have grown up together. I can see that the church has become so interwoven into the fabric of our family life as to make our family strong and secure. In the recent wonderful experience of building our own church with its accompanying demands of large amounts of money from the members, our family has been enriched and blessed through giving, and has not been depleted in any way. In fact, we have more worldly things than before, not through acquisition or pursuit, but through seeking first the kingdom of God, as Christ Jesus said we should, "and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

I thank God for His delivering angels, and I thank every man, woman, and child who is recognizing and acknowledging these angels and setting an example for us by living the practical truths they teach.

(Mrs.) MARYL F. WALTERS

The healings occurred as my wife and son have stated. I am grateful to Christian Science for showing God's complete goodness and His care for us.

CHARLES WALTERS



[Original in German]

In Hymn No. 40 of the *Christian Science Hymnal* we read, "Earth has no sorrow but Love can remove." I can gratefully and joyfully confirm the truth of these words.

Following my release as a prisoner of war at the end of 1945, I had to struggle with a number of physical disorders, including

angina pectoris. In 1950 a malignant ulcer was found on my tongue. I was told by medical doctors that there was little prospect of a healing. I underwent very painful medical treatments without any improvement or even hope of improvement.

In this bleak situation Christian Science was offered to me. I thought I would certainly try it, to see whether this religion actually healed. The condition did not yield at once, and much prayer by a Christian Science practitioner was needed. But after about a year our prayers won out. Truth was the victor, and I was well. When the doctors who had treated me before heard I was well, they declared that a miracle had taken place.

The extent to which the medical diagnosis had been credited, and my condition was judged to be hopeless, is shown in the fact that I had been declared disabled at forty-one years of age. It was a great joy for my wife and me when I received notification that the pension payments would be discontinued, since such an improvement in my health had come about that I could no longer be regarded as disabled.

Also, I was healed eight years ago of a hernia through the prayer of a Christian Science practitioner and my own efforts, without having to interrupt my work. I might mention here that I have always had to perform heavy physical work.

Fear of an uncertain future was also overcome and replaced with the spiritual conviction that God gives only good. In *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy we read (p. 261), "Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." I can now lead a joyful life and know that in every situation my loved ones and I are secure in the arms of divine Love.

The speech impediments, caused by the illness, have been completely removed, and I have the joy to serve as Second Reader for a group of Christian Scientists.

With my whole heart I thank God for Christ Jesus and for Mrs. Eddy. I am deeply grateful for the revelation of Truth, which, when rightly recognized, casts out all evil.

EMIL OST
Eislingen, Federal Republic of Germany

Some years ago a friend took me to visit a Christian Science practitioner. I had been having many problems, and my friend thought I could be helped. While the practitioner was speaking, I was smoking one cigarette after another. I didn't understand all of what she said, but I felt a peace I had never known before. Many visits to her office followed. Through her prayerful help I began to have healings. She gave me *Miscellaneous Writings* by Mary Baker Eddy. It was full of inspiration for me. I wanted to learn more of Christian Science. I went to a Reading Room, where I purchased a copy of *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy and also the King James Version of the Bible.

The practitioner gave me passages to read from these two textbooks. One of my first healings was of sinus trouble, a chronic illness of many years. Physicians had suggested an operation to relieve the suffering. I never had the operation. The healings in Christian Science were wonderful, but even greater were the joy and peace I was receiving from my study. I started to read daily the Bible Lesson in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. The testimonies I heard, which were given during the Wednesday evening meetings, were very encouraging. I found many questions answered at Christian Science lectures. The *Sentinel* helped me to apply to my daily life what I read in the Bible Lesson. My household began to take on a more harmonious atmosphere. My husband and three children were receiving the benefit of my study and application of Science.

In those earlier years, before I had become a church member, I pondered the first sentence of this definition from *Science and Health* (p. 583): "CHURCH. The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle." I felt the healing power of the Christ, Truth, and was learning the difference between human love and the purity of divine Love. I thought I was getting the full blessings of Church without joining the organization.

One day I spoke of my gratitude to a practitioner. She told me if I would drop the cigarette I was smoking I would be ready for church membership. I answered, "Really? I thought you had to be an angel to join the Christian Science church." She explained I was depending wholly on Christian Science for phys-

ical healings as well as other healings, studying the lesson daily, attending church services. She felt I was ready for church membership. I realized then that Christian Science had done so much for me, and asked myself, "What have you done to show your appreciation?" The desire came to serve in the church. The word "reciprocation" was a flash of inspiration. In that moment I was healed of the cigarette habit. I accepted this beautiful healing and joined The Mother Church and a branch church. What a joy to serve on the different committees. A whole new world opened for me where friends talked the language of Spirit.

The second paragraph of the definition of "Church" reads: "The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick." I could see that the "rousing" had to be in my own consciousness and the organization of the church was helping me. This was the beginning of healings in human relationships. I learned to stop being so busy casting out error in others, both outside the organization of the church and within, and to begin casting it out of myself.

Where do we find the opportunity to put into practice the precepts given to us in the Bible and in Mrs. Eddy's writings? We find it in the organization of the Church of Christ, Scientist, where our Leader invites each individual to learn scientifically pure Christianity, including the healing power of the Christ.

(Mrs.) JEANNE G. FRUCHT
Los Angeles, California



My gratitude for Christian Science extends back to the time when my mother enrolled me in the Sunday School. I was ten years old. My mother had been healed of tuberculosis and had become a sincere student of Science. This healing occurred around 1912; and she never had any other help than Christian Science during the succeeding sixty-one years of her life.

My father died when I was eight years old. I remember many blessings that I am sure came to our family (my mother, sister, and me) through my mother's earnest study of, and adherence to, Christian Science.

In 1930 I became a branch church member and also a member of The Mother Church. Since that time Christian Science has been my only physician. I have had many healings, both through my own prayer and at times with the help of a Christian Science practitioner.

I am very grateful for a healing that took place over two years ago. This healing was accomplished with the help of a practitioner. I do not know what the condition was, since it was not diagnosed, but the symptoms of infection on one leg and the pain were quite alarming. One of the passages from *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy that was called to my attention by the practitioner says (p. 449), "A grain of Christian Science does wonders for mortals, so omnipotent is Truth, but more of Christian Science must be gained in order to continue in well doing."

I had also been holding to Mrs. Eddy's statement in the same book (p. 269): "The testimony of the material senses is neither absolute nor divine. I therefore plant myself unreservedly on the teachings of Jesus, of his apostles, of the prophets, and on the testimony of the Science of Mind. Other foundations there are none." I am happy to say that this healing has been complete.

My wife and I are very grateful for a recent healing she received through the help of a practitioner. She became ill with acute indigestion, together with other disturbing symptoms. She was admitted to a nursing home for Christian Scientists and was released in a very few days entirely well and free. We were very grateful for the loving care she received while there, and we are grateful that there are these havens of love where one can rely entirely on Christian Science for healing.

LAGRANDE OGLESBY
Ellenton, Florida

I am happy to verify the facts as stated in my husband's testimony and wish to add my gratitude for Christian Science.

(Mrs.) VIVIAN OGLESBY

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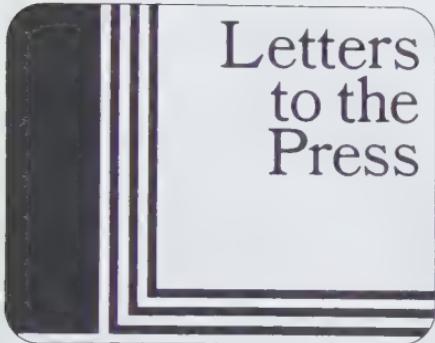
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Letters to the Press

From Christian Science
Committees on Publication

Concord Monitor
Concord, New Hampshire

A letter writer in the Monitor [of] February 3 named several groups which he felt "could demand equal time to brainwash our youth" if the teaching of transcendental meditation were allowed in public schools.

We hope [the writer] won't be disappointed to learn that Christian Scientists would not be such a group. Though our religious teachings are at the opposite pole from "Vedic metaphysics," Christian Scientists have no more interest in "brainwashing" school pupils—or in public taxpayer support—than would most other Christians.

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JAMES C. ALLISON
Committee on Publication

The Irish Times
Dublin, Ireland

[A] review in your October 1st supplement pays generous tribute to Dame Edith Evans' outstanding talents; however, it unfortunately implies that her religion prevented her from recognising ugliness and suffering in the world.

Perhaps the implication was not intended; but I should like to assure your readers that Christian Science, so far from ignoring afflictive conditions, encourages its adherents to face and overcome them, in accordance with St. Paul's injunction: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21).

GEORGE E. MAHON
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